

“RRAFT ADVISORY COMMITTEE”

MEETING # 4 MINUTES

Tuesday, September 11, 2007

6:30 – 9:15 PM

Doubletree Hotel Missoula-Edgewater

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Missoula

- ***Opening, Recent Memo Recap and Agenda Overview***

-Charlie Sperry ~ FWP Recreation Management Specialist

-Charlie opened the meeting and then recapped a memo sent to committee members on September 5th. The memo tracked the committee's current progress and provided an overview of the committee's steps going forward. He acknowledged the committee's desire to tackle the issues and thanked them for their patience in taking the time to gather the pertinent background information. Charlie then provided an overview of the meeting's agenda.

- ***Small Group Exercise #1 – Expanding Recreation Settings***

-Charlie Sperry

-Charlie discussed the committee's work during the 3rd meeting regarding the review of existing recreation settings. The committee had previously confirmed the existing setting descriptions for each of the reaches that were established in the Blackfoot River Recreation Management Direction. However, to further define the settings, the committee expanded these descriptions by assigning generic setting descriptions utilized in water-based recreation management. These setting descriptions will help managers and the committee as it begins to define problem statements and recommend subsequent management actions. The committee discussed breaking Reach 5 (Roundup to Johnsrud) into two separate reaches based on differences in settings within the reach. This issue will be discussed more in depth when finalizing the issues and problem statements.

- ***Small Group Exercise #2 – Reach 6 (Johnsrud to Bonner) Problem Statements***

-Charlie Sperry

-Charlie provided each of three small groups a set of instructions for creating problem statements. Their first task was to expand the list of issues for Reach 6 that was developed during meeting 3. Upon expanding the list, each group utilized a problem statement form to answer the following questions regarding each issue.

- What is the problem?
- Where does the problem occur?
- When does the problem occur?
- Who is involved in the problem?
- Why is the problem occurring?

The answers to these questions were then used to formulate problem statements specific to the issues.

-Following the exercise, all of the groups acknowledged the time required to complete a quality problem statement for an issue. Each of the groups were only able to address a couple of the

issues during the allotted time for the exercise. This acknowledgement led to revisiting the previous discussion of utilizing subcommittees to continue working between monthly meetings.

- ***Discussion of Subcommittees***

- The group discussed how to best utilize subcommittees to work between monthly meetings. This discussion provided FWP staff with information on how to assign group members to subcommittees and what tasks each of the subcommittees would be responsible for. The group opted to continue this discussion 15 minutes past the normal ending time of the meeting and concluded the discussion by selecting the reaches that each committee member was interested in working on and/or familiar with, and entrusting FWP staff to make subcommittee selections and assign reaches to subcommittees for expanding issues lists and developing problem statements. Subcommittees have been working on their assigned tasks and have submitted their work to FWP staff. This work will be compiled and circulated to all committee members prior to the October 2, meeting.

- ***Meeting Adjourned at 9:15 PM***

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, October 2, 2007

6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

FWP Region 2 Office

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